

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

LIGE STEWARDSON,  
*Plaintiff,*

v.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
*Defendant.*

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Case No. 2:12-cv-0261

**DEFENDANT’S STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING MEDIATION**

Defendant Texas A&M University-Kingsville files this statement-of-intent regarding mediation to indicate that it declines to mediate at this time, early in the life of this employment-discrimination case. The parties have undertaken some written discovery; no witness has been deposed. Plaintiff Lige Stewardson has asked to depose some witnesses; Defendant plans to depose Plaintiff.

Defendant has been made aware of mediation as a form of alternative dispute resolution and will designate a representative to participate in mediation if it became compulsory or preferred by both parties. But Defendant respectfully declines ADR at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served by electronic filing and service through the CM/ECF filer service of the federal court on April 1, 2013, to:

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